Delicencing of Sugar Industry

2648. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI P. UPENDRA : SHRI G. G. SWELL : SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : SHRIMATI MIRA DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to delicence Sugar Industry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delicen. cing or continuing existing system;

(c) the number of applications for licence pending with Government for clearance; and

(d) whether it is a fact taht licence permits are being used for political and other pur-noses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRI SHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Sugar lias been kept under licencing for social reasons.

(c) There are 323 applications pending for sugar licences with the Government as on 1-12-1994.

(d) No, Sir.

Investment in Industrial Sector

2649. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRIMATI MIRA DAS Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of proposals cleared for the investment in the Industrial Sector since the policy of liberalisation was announced;

(b) what is the quantum of investmnnt in terms of rupees that has gone into industrial development since June, 1991; and

(c) the break-up of the Indian and foreign investment so far cleared and investment made during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRI-SHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) During the period August, 1991 to October, 1994, 1844 Letters of Intent involving investment of Rs. 43,814.83 crores were granted under the provisions of the 1DR Act and 16,100 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda involving an investment of Rs. 32,5580 crores were filed.

During the above said period foreign investment proposals of Rs. 239 billions were cleared.

Sick Industries

2650. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 376 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1994 and state :

(a) the present status of the Goswami Committee Report and how far it has been implemented; and

(b) whether B1FR has been given more power to clear the back-log of sick Industry.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reforms in Industrial Sector

2651. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of major reforms taken up by Government in industrial sector since June, 1991;

(b) how far these have helped in increasing industrial production during the last three years;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the performance of industrial sector ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the manner in which Govern-ment propose to increase industrial pro. duction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRI. SHNA SAHI) : (a) The new Industria] Policy initiatives have been designed to deregulate the industrial economy in a substantial manner. Major components of the